

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re PATENT application of     | ) |                              |
| Tohru NATSUME et al.            | ) |                              |
| Application No. 10/581,969      | ) | Confirmation No. 8384        |
| Filed: June 7, 2006             | ) | Group Art Unit: 1656         |
| For: NOVEL INTERACTION BETWEEN  | ) | Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri |
| PROTEINS, AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT | ) |                              |
| FOR DISUSE MUSCULAR ATROPHY OR  | ) |                              |
| METHOD ASSOCIATED WITH DISUSE   | ) |                              |
| MUSCULAR ATROPHY TAKING         | ) |                              |
| ADVANTAGE OF NOVEL INTERACTION  | ) |                              |

**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Further in response to the restriction requirement mailed on May 8, 2009, applicant preliminarily amends the claims of this case as follows: